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Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Final Action dated December 15, 2005, for which the initial term for response expires March 15, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.